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16 December 1964

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning Larry Houston reported that the visit of Russ Blandford and Robert Michaels to [REDACTED] yesterday went very well. I added that, according to Matt Baird, Russ Blandford said that he thought the Committees should be given more information about CIA's operational successes. The Director, General Carter, and Dick Helms all said that they would be more than happy to do this if the Committees would only give us a little more time. According to Larry, Russ Blandford said that he was going to try to get the members of the House Armed Services Committee to visit [REDACTED] for a similar briefing. General Carter cautioned that, should this take place, they should be put up in "some place like [REDACTED]"

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2. Bob Bannerman and I talked with Dr. Tietjen about our psychological testing. It seems reasonable to assume that Senator Ervin's investigation might bring us into this picture and that we might find ourselves in the position of having to defend our program. We asked Dr. Tietjen to develop a story which would do this. (When he is ready, we might try it out on Mr. Kirkpatrick and General Carter so that they would be prepared for any off-hand queries they might receive.)

3. John Clarke briefed us on the results of the budget hearing at the Bureau of the Budget yesterday. Except for personnel services costs it appears that DD/S came out fairly well. [REDACTED] is preparing some detailed notes.)

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4. I attended a presentation by [REDACTED] and his Deputy, [REDACTED] on Office of Computer Services operations. A large number of DD/S people were in attendance. (I thought that [REDACTED] did not do too much to sell his program--quite the contrary, in fact.) I closed the meeting by saying that DD/S components would insist upon service but that we did not believe it was our prerogative to tell OCS what kind of equipment they should have with which to render the service. I added, however, that no one should feel inhibited about expressing his opinion on this subject. It is essential, however, that any changes in OCS service to DD/S should be very closely coordinated with [REDACTED] and his group as well as the individual components. As a practical matter, however, budgetary and manpower problems will not be relieved prior to Fiscal Year 1967, and OCS cannot look to us for financial assistance.

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5. 25X1A9a [REDACTED] Chief of Station, 25X1A6a [REDACTED] was in for a visit.

a. He raised the question of retirement for indigenous employees who have been with us for many years. In general, they have been paid a higher salary than people doing comparable work for the Department of State but have no retirement benefits. (I asked [REDACTED] to re-examine this entire problem.)

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b. We also discussed the desirability of a house for the Chief of Station, [REDACTED]. The lease on the present house expires in January 1966, and according to [REDACTED] the owner wants to sell the property. I agreed that we could explore a house owned by an aged doctor in Chicago which he has in mind.

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6. Mr. McCone telephoned to ask me to assist 25X1A9a [REDACTED] with the purchase of some Christmas presents. (I put Alan Warfield in touch with Terry. We can save the Director about 20 percent.)

7. I suggested to Howard Osborn and Emmett Echols that, if they were completely satisfied with [REDACTED] they submit recommendations for promotion. (They will do this very shortly.)

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